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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: SNAR IR

SUBJ: PROPOSED DEA/FBI MERGER

REF: (A) DEA 18438 DTG 211817Z, (B) TEHRAN 0527(NOTAL)

1. EMB HAS READ WITH INTEREST DESCRIPTION OF BENSINGER TESTIMONY (PARA 4 REF A) REGARDING PROPOSED DEA/FBI MERGER AND COMPOSITION OF TEMA TO STUDY IT (7 FBI, NO STATE, DEA OR CUSTOMS). WE ALSO NOTED ASSURANCES THAT OTHERPARTIES WOULD BE GIVEN INPUT AND MISSION WOULD LIKE TO OFFER FOLLOWING INITIAL THOUGHTS.

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2. LOCAL PERCEPTION IS THAT FBI HAS INTERNAL FUNCTION IN US SIMILAR TO SAVAK IN IRAN. IF DEA WERE TO BE "TARRED" WITH FBI LABEL, THIS WOULD SEVERELY COMPLICATE DEA'S PRESENT SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN IRAN. IRANIANS DEAL CLOSELY AND OPENLY WITH DEA AND RECIPROCAL RELATIONS WITHIN PRESENT GUIDELINES BENEFIT BOTH PARTIES. DEA/FBI

MERGER WOULD RAISE SUSPICIONS THAT PERHAPS OTHER ACTIVITIES INIMICAL TO IRAN'S INTERESTS WERE BEING ADDED TO DEA MISSION AND PROBABLY RESULT IN LOSS OF PRESENT WORKING RELATION-SHIPS. WHILE SPLIT MERGER.-DEA INTERNATIONAL DIVISON GOING TO CUSTOMS--MIGHT EASE PROBLEM, IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ELIMINATE IT. WHATEVER ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE DEVELOPED AS RESULT OF DEA REVIEW SHOULD GIVE DEA TIE TO MISSION AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PERMIT ITS MANDATE TO REMAIN ESSENTIALLY SAME AS PROVIDED FOR IN IRAN NARCOTICS CONTROL PLAN (REF B).

- 3. INFO ADDRESSES MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON ABOVE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR OWN COUNTRIES.
- 4. POST WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPTADVISED ON FURTHER MOVEMENTS REGARDING THIS PROPOSAL. SULLIVAN

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